## CONGRESS MEETS.

SENATORS AND MEMBERS REASSEMBLE FOR ANOTHER LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Incidents at the Opening of Both Houses-Many of the Members and Senators Receive Floral Tributes-The Galleries Well Filled-A Few Bills Presented-Senator Anthony's Death Announced.

At the opening of congress yesterday there was an extensive floral display in both the senate and the house. On the deak of Senator Gorman were two gigantic floral roosters skillfully constructed of carnations, immortelles, and roses, with the tails of pampas grass. One of the birds bore a card inscribed:

O such a day
So fought, so follow'd, and so fairly won,
Came not, till now, to dignity the times.
There was also a floral chair of handsome roses and pinks, inscribed "Reserved

for A. P. G., 1887." On the desk of Senator Jonas perched a floral rooster, and on the desks of Senators Ingalis. Sabin, Edmunds, Lapham, Harris, Voorhees, and Maxey were baskets, stars, horseshoes, and other de-

signs of exquisite flowers.

In the house the speaker's table was ornamented with three bouquets, and on the deaks of Representatives Blackburn, the desks of Representatives Biackburn, Barbour, Townsend, Cox, Lore, Murphy, Long, and others were foral tributes, many of them of great beauty. On Mr. Barbour's desk was a mammoth floral pillow, in the center of which was the letter "B" in pink and yellow roses. The pillow completely covered the desk, and remained all through the session the observed of all. On Mr. Cox's desk was a large ship, with sails set and flags flying, made of a great variety of choice flowers. The opening of the session in the sonate was preceded by a lively half hour of handshaking and gossip between senators and their friends. The galleries were, as is usual on opening days, well filled with strangers. Promptly at noon the presi-

is usual on opening days, well filled with atrangers. Promptly at noon the president of the senate called the body to order. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Huntley, who prayed for such a conserving of fraternal intercourse among all the people of the United States, and such plans for mutual helpfulness, that sectional ambition might be seen only in that healthful rivalry wherein each should strive to outdo the other in benefiting all. He made fitting allusion to He made fitting allusion to

the death of Senator Anthony.
On motion of Mr. Logan, the secretary
was instructed to inform the house of representatives that the squate was ready to

proceed to business.

Messrs. Sherman and Garland were appointed a committee to inform the President that the senate was ready to receive any communication he might be pleased

On motion of Mr. Dawes, the hour of daily meeting, until otherwise ordered, was fixed at 12 o'clock. The chair laid before the senate, and the secretary read, the credentials of Hen. William P. Sheffield, who had been ap-pointed by the governor of Rhode Island

Senatory Anthony.

On motion of Mr. Cockrell, the senate then (st 12:10) took a recess of half an hour, and at the expiration of that time

the senate proceeded to the consideration of the usual morning business. The following bills were introduced: By Mr. Cullom: To hereafter prohibit distinctions being made in the military service of the United States against any

class of American citizens.

Also, to enable officers of the army who were promoted for gallant and distinguished services in the war of the rebellion to be retired with the rank and full pay of the grade to which they were prepared.

to promoted.
Also, to facilitate promotion throughout the army by retiring from active service, upon their own application, officers of the army who served in the war of the

Also, to authorize the lighting of the navigable rivers of the United States by

Also, to authorize an increase of the bank of Chicago.

By Mr. Dolph: To prevent the obstruc-

tion of the navigable waters of the United States, and to protect public works against trespass or injury.

Also, to authorize the transfer of one of

the vessels of the Greely relief expedition to the treasury department for a revenue cutter, and the retention of the other two

for use in the retention of the other two for use in the navy.

A message was received from the house of representatives announcing that body to be ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Ingalls effered a resolution, which

was agreed to, instructing the committee on public lands to report such legislation as may be necessary to authorize the secretary of the interior to summarily remove all fences illegally constructed on the public domain of the United States. At 1:25 the President's message was re-ceived, and the reading was proceeded

It was concluded at 2:25 p. m., when Senator Aldrich, in a few feeling words, made formal announcement of Senator Anthony's death, and stated that a future senate would be asked to give fitting expression to its appreciation of the distinguished public services and pri-vate virtues of the deceased senator. As a mark of respect to Senator Anthony's memory the senate then (at 2:25 p. m.), on Mr. Aldrich's motion, adjourned. Though the galleries of the house were

illed with spectators, anxious to view the proceedings attendant on the first day of a session, there was an ab-sence of the usual crush of visitors. The appearance of the chamber is unchanged, save for the general air of cleanliness which a revarmshing of the dooks lends

members offered each other the usual greetings, exchanging congratulations on re-election or of condolence on defeat. The republicaus made good na defeat. The republicans made good na-tured replies to the equally good natured chaffing of the democrats on the result of the presidential contest, and no bitter-ness was manifested on either side. Promptly at moon the speaker's gave-called the house to order. In his open-ing prayer the chaplain gave thanks that the members had been permitted to rebeen permitted to return in health and safety to their legisla-

tive duties.

The roll-call disclosed the presence of 222 m mbers, and he cierk was directed to inform the senate that the nouse was

The speaker appointed Messrs. Randall, ex, of New York, and Browne, of Indiana, to wait upon the President, in con-junction with a similar committee from

Mr. Holman presented the credentials of R. T. Shively, successor to W. H. Calkins, resigned, and that gentleman took the oath of office.

After the recuss the house idly awaited the return of the committee appointed to wait on the President, and it was not until

1:39 p. m. that Mr. Randall reported that the President would transmit a written communication forthwith.

One minute later the President's private secretary, Mr. Pruden, appeared with the message, and it was immediately read by

essage was referred to committee

whole on the state of the union whole on the state of the union and with accompanying documents ordared printed.

Mr. Cox, of New York, presented peti-tions of business men and session of New York elt >, for a modification of the shipan allotment note to his creditor for any just debt by him awing, occurring before engagement. Referred.

Mr. Hutchins, from the committee on

appropriations, reported the bill making temporary provision for the naval service. It was referred to the committee of the whole, and Mr. Hutchins gave notice that he would call it up for considerable at the saves the Jockey Club.

eration to-day.

Mr. Ermentrout announced the death of Representative Deneau, of Pennsylvania, and presented appropriate resolu-Mr. Aiken presented similar resolutions relative to the death of Representative Evins, of South Carolina, and (at 2:55) as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the house adjourned. tions in reference thereto

THE BRAND-LEMAN CASE.

Gov. Hamilton Will Announce His Decision To-day-Brand Writes an Open Letter to His Opponent-The Investigation by the Grand Jury.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 1.-The state canvassing board to-day completed its work and decided the contest in the thirteenth legislative district in favor of Mulheran against Klupp. This, will make, the legislature a tie on joint ballot in case Leman (rep.), in the sixth district, is seated, or will give the democrats a majority of two in case Brand (dem.), of the same district, is given the seat. Klupp claims that 90 votes for him in the nineteenth precinct of the fourteenth ward were counted for his opponent, and says he will present the case to the United States grand jury, or will contest it before the senate. Before both the county and the state canvassing board the facts were shown to be that by a clerical error Klupp was originally given 90 votes too many. As both Klupp and Mulheran are democrats, the complexion of the legislature heran against Klupp. This; will make,

As both Klupp and Mulheran are demo-crats, the complexion of the legislature will not be changed in either case. Gov. Hamilton will announce his decision in the Brand-Leman case to-morrow. CHICAGO, Dec. I.—An open letter will be published here to-morrow from Ru-dolph Brand, democratic candidate for state sonator from the sixth district, to Henry W. Leman, his republican oppo-nent. Mr. Brand says that while he ran ahead of his ticket elsewhere, and had reason to believe he would do the same in the second precinct of the eighteenth ward, where it is alleged fraud ward, where it is alleged fraud was committed, which added 200 votes to Brand's count; yet, if Leman's claim to this is correct, it would show that he (Brand) ran behind votes to Brand's count; yet, if Leman's claim to this is correct, it would show that he (Brand) ran behind his ticket in that precinct. Still, from the fact that the ballots in the box indicate that Leman's father-in-law, brother-inlaw, and intimate friends voted for Brand, he (Brand) is inclined to the opinion that these ballots are fraudulent. He therefore proposes to Leman that they jointly canvass the votes in the entire district, and that iffit is found that ballots of a similar character have been depositof a similar character have been deposit-ed in other precincts, the matter be set-tled by the testimony of the voters throughout the district as to whom they

district, and that if it is found that ballots of a similar character have been deposited in other precincts, the matter be settled by the testimony of the voters throughout the district as to whom they voted for.

The United States grand jury to-day continued its investigation into the allegations that the tally sheet was changed after the day of election, taking 200 votes from Leman, the republican candidate for the state senate, and giving the same number to his opponent, Brand, democrat, thereby giving Brand a majority of ten in the district(the sixth) which would make the state legislature democratic by a majority of two on joint ballot, instead of a tie as would be the case if Leman were elected, and thus enable the democrats to choose a United States senator to succeed Gen. Legan. It is also charged that in order to cover this, fraud the county clerk's office; that over 200 republicant was the legislature was respected on the ticket. from Leman, the republican candidate for the state senate, and giving the same number to his opponent, Brand, democrat, thereby giving Brand a majority of ten in the district the sixth, which would make the state legislature democratic by a majority of two on joint ballot, instead of a tie as would be the case if Leman were elected, and thus enable the democrats to choose a United States senator to succeed Gen. Logan. It is also charged that in order to cover this, fraud the scaled ballots were taken out of the county clerk's office; that over 200 republican ballots, with Leman's name on them, were abstracted and an equal number of

were abstracted and an equal number of ballots substituted, which contained all the republican names except Leman's, for which that of Brand was substituted, and that these ballots were printed on the night of Nov. 21, or keventoen days

these rolatives and friends when sum-moned before the grand jury swore they voted for Leman and that if the ballots showed otherwise they were of the ballots cast by them. Concerning not the ballots cast by them. Concerning to-day's proceedings of the grand jury, the 75mcs (dem.) will to-morrow publish what professes to be an abstract of the testimony given before the grand jury, the important features of which are herewith given in substance. Byron Fish, the lischarged foreman of P. L. Hanscom & Co., testified that he asked J. C. Hess. oreman of the press room in the same establishment, about the printing of the

bogus republican tickets, and that Hess replied that ten republican tickets with Brand's name on them were wanted to put in the ballot box to elect Brand. put in the ballot box to elect Brand.

J. S. Thompson, an employe of Hanscom & Co., said that on the afternoon of
Nov. 21 at the request of S. B. Wright, a
member of the firm, he had an engraver
make a fac simile of the engraved head
of the republican ticket, which was delivered to Wright about 6 o'clock in the
evening; that he believed Mackin gave the
order, as he (Mackin) was present when
Wright asked the witness to have the

Wright asked the witness to have the

work done.

S. W. Fallis, of Baker & Co., engravers, testified as to the execution of the order, which was wanted in a hurry.

J. C. Hess, pressman for Hanscom & Co., said the press-work was done by one of the boys who ran the presses, and denied Fish's statement, that he (Hess) said ten

ickets were wanted to elect Brand. The papers here have published many hints implicating more or less prominent citizens and city and county officials as concerned in or having knowledge of the actual work of changing the ballots and forging the name of one of the judges to the bogus taily sheet.

Coming to Washington. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1 .- The officers of the 3d regiment, National Guard, of California, have decided to send a detachment of seventy-five men to Wash-ington to participate in the inauguration of President-elect Cleveland. The bat-

talion will leave about the middle of February, and will be absent about four A Six Days' Bleycle Race. CHICAGO, Dec. 1 .- Articles of agree cent were signed here to-day for a six days' bicycle race, twelve hours daily, beginning Dec. 23, between W. M. Wood-side and John Brooks against W. J. Mor-

gan and Louise Armaindo. Patal Pall from a Musthead. BALTIMORE, Dec. 1.-John Ducil, aged 35, fell to-day sixty foot from the masthead of a schooner at Fell's Point and died shortly after. He was from Susque-nauus, Pa.

CABLE CATCHES.

Mr. John O'Connor, a Parnellite, has been elected mayor of Dublin, and Mr. Madden, a nationalist, mayor of Cork. The Italian government has prepared a bill evening £40,000,000 to saustary works in

Carl Granville still continues his efforts at mediation to effect a peaceful settlement of the questions at issue between France and

A dispatch of the Sail from Madrid says; Mr. Fosher left, yesterday for Washington, via Emgland, to onbark on Saturday at Liverpool or New York.

Intyre Secretary-Harmony at Last.

There was a crowd of excited men, all tional Jockey club last night. The faction fight, which every member of the club insisted amounted to nothing, was extremely evident from the first, and each side came prepared to fight it out. On the outside were a row of carriages and cabs, and these were in use every few minutes going after and bringing

SAVES THE JOCKEY CLUB.

Stormy Scenes End in a Unanimous Vote of

Thanks to the Ontgoing Officers-Col. Mc-

Kibbin Re-elected President and H. D. Mc-

members of the club. When the roll was called some of the gentlemen who responded were Post-master Conger, J. C. Rock, Hallet Kilbourn, Wash Nailor, O. E. Staples, Col. S. T. Suit, W. S. Hoge, W. P. Rice, James P. Willett, R. K. Helphenstine, Robert Beall, R. O. Holtzman, James Lansburgh, H. O. Towles, C. C. Duncauson, J. F. and G. M. Oyster, W. W. Rapley, W. S. Teel, C. S. Meore, William Dickson, W. H. Clagett, F. K. Ward, G. S. Kraft, A. W. Crossley, F. Tenney, E. A. Shuster, E. E. White, Horatio Browning, F. A. Windster, Light, Farry, U. S. N. Light, eor, Lieut. Emory, U. S. N., Lieut. Powell, U. S. A., A. D. Kelly, F. M. Draney, W. W. Galt, J. S. Barbour, P. M. Christman, Dr. Bradford, Dr. Murphy, M. M. McCormick, Col. J. P. Wintersmith,

M. McCormick, Col. J. P. Wintersmith, and W. P. Rice.
Scattered around on the tables were tickets containing names of the candidates. There were three of them. They were "The National Jockey Club," the "Anti-Daly Ticket," and the "Compromise Ticket," The first and last were alike. There was a slight change in the ticket presented by the modified ticket, as published yesterday in the REPUBLICAN. The name of Jesse Brown for president had been taken off, and the name of James S. Edwards had been substituted. This was done with a view of winning over some

nounced the statements made by the press.

tion. He wanted Mr. replaced on the ticket. A discussion as to the laws of the club governing elections followed, which was participated in by all of the members, and for some time all was confusion. The

and for some time all was confusion. The president finally announced that Mr. Ed-wards's motion should be taken up. The motion was carried, there were but three

Kibbin, rising.

This speech evoked cries of "No!"
"Don't do that!" "You're our choice!" "Don't do that!" "You're our choice!"
"Your friends have not yet left!" and
the like were uttered, and finally Col.
McKibbin relented, and in abeyance to a motion, which was carried, appointed Messrs. Conger, Draney, and Weiler as

tellers. Some one produced a cigar box and the three tellers took their places, and the voting began amidst great excitement. Just before the result was announced Mr. Rock created some commotion by objecting to the vote, saying that a peron who was not a member had voted, and he asked that the vote be

declared informal.

The president did not sustain the objection, and the tellers announced the result as follows: For president—Jesse Brown, 1; H. W. Blunt, 3; J. S. Edwards, 7; J. C. McKibbin, 107.

The result was greeted with loud cheer-

ing, and cries of "Speech," "Speech" were heard, in answer to which Col. McKibbin said: "Gentlemon of the Jockey club, I return thanks for the honor you have conferred on me. There is no race track in the country that stands higher than ours, and I hope it shall continue to be so. I would say to the gentlemen who did not like my administration that I have always tried to do justice to everyone, and am sorry for any offense given." He had asked that his name be crased from the compromise ticket. The gentleman who was named as a candidate for president on that ticket was his personal friend, and his election, he said, was the result of a compromise hetween Mr. Ed-wards and himself for the best interests

f the club. The election of vice presidents, executive committee, secretary, and treasurer was then began. After the voting Mr. Drahey moved that a recess of an hour be taken to allow the tellers to count the

While the tellers were performing this dury most of the members left, as the vital point had been decided. About 11 o'clock the tellers made their report. It showed that the vice presidents elected were Messra. W. M. Galt, J. S. Barbour, C. C. Duncanson, W. H. Emory, and Halfet Kilbourn.

Emory, and Hallet Kilbourn.

The executive committee elected was as follows: Ciarence Hall, G. M. Oystor, jr., P. H. Caristman, F. Hollingshead, Thos. J. Luttrell, George R. Repetti, F. B. Maguire, Jesse Brown, John F. Olmstead

For secretary, Mr. H. D. McIntyre was elected, and Mr. R. F. Baker was elected treasurer. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers, and some amend-ments to the by-laws were adopted. "Let's adjourn harmoniously," said Mr. Moore, and the ayes were in a large

majority.

The old officers were as follows: Presi The old officers were as follows: Frest dent, Joseph C. McKibbin; vice presidents John S. Barbour, W. H. Emory, Jr., Will-iam M. Galt, George C. Gorham, and B. C. Wintersmith; executive committee, Chas Stone, Hallet Kilbourn, Clarence Hall, O. J. Green, J. T. Dyer, H. W. Blunt, J. F. Dimstead, P. H. Christman, G. M. Oyster r. and James S. Edwards, secretary, H. D. Melntyre, and treasurer, Reubon F. Baker Most of these were re-elected, as stated

He Didn't Know It Was Loaded. Woods Run, Pa., Dec. 1 .- George Raucin, while carolessly handling a shotgun yesterday, accidentally shot and killed his aged mother. The young man, who did not know the gun was leaded, is

frantic with griof.

THE TELEPHONE TANGLE,

Judge Wallace Decides Against the People's Company and in Favor of the Bell Patents.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 .- In the United States circuit court to-day Judge Wallaco handed down a decision in favor of the American Bell Telephone company in the suit brought against the People's Telephone company to enjoin the use of th latter of its apparatus. The suit, which talking at once, in the rooms of the Na- involved a larger amount of money than any previous suit in the United States courts, has been pending for years. The People's Telephone company represent the interests of one Daniel Drawbaugh, of Millstown, Pa., who claimed that in 1506 and 1807 he invented an appliance by which sounds could be conveyed from place to place by wire, and this invention was successfully in use at that time, thereby anticipating by ten years the invention which Prof. Bell lays claims to as the original. Two years ago the People's Telephone company was enjoined from using this instrument, pending the result of the suit in the United States circuit court. The amount involved in the suit aggregates about \$10,000,000. In his decision Judge Wallace enters a final decree making permanent the injunction aiready courts, has been pending for years. The ing permanent the injunction already granted, and the People's Telephone com-pany are prevented from using or dis-posing of the instruments manufactured by them that in any way conflict with those made by the Bell Telephone com-pany under the patents granted to Prof. Bell. In concluding his decision, Judge Wallace says: "Without regard to other features of the case it is sufficient to say that the defense is not established and the doubt raised is fatal thereto." The case will be at once appealed to the United States Supreme court.

Reception to an Archbishop.
QUEBEC, Dec. 1.—Archbishop Taschereau returned from Rome to-day, and was met at the wharf by 10,000 persons. As the archbishop stepped from the steamer Mayor Langeller, in the name of the Roman Catholic community of Quebec, presented him with an address of time of the archbishop's arrival. Tonight all Catholic institutions were illuminated, and a pyrotechnic display took place from the old Parliament house, near the archbishop's palace. It is believed that notwithstanding the contradictions Mgr. Taschereau has actually been created a cardinal, and that the official notice will be forthcoming in a few days.

The Eastern Base Sail League. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.-The step toward the reorganization of the Eastern Base Ball league was taken here to-day, when a conference was held to consider the formation of a circuit for 1885. Delegates were present from Newark. Trenton, Altoona, Philadelphia, and Lancaster. Applications for membership were received from seventeen clubs located in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Ponnsylvania, Wash-ington, and Virginia. It was finally decided to postpone the arrangement of a schedule until after the American asso-ciation meeting, which, will be held in New York next week and the confer-ence then adjourned until Dec. 12th.

Investigating the Auditor. RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 1 .- There have been no new developments to-day in the matter of irregularities in the office of the night of Nov. 21, or seventeen days after the election.

According to published statements, both democratic and republican, when the ballots were examined by the United States grand jury last week they revealed the apparent absurding that most of Leman's friends, including his fatherin-law and brother-in-law, voted for Brand, and the same papers assert that these relatives and friends when sumthese relatives and jury of the hustings court now in grand jury of the hustings court now in description of the club for Col. McKibbin as president. An observation in a friends when the democratic and republicant the secretary because the club for Col. McKibbin as president. An observation in a friends when the democratic and purpose of the club for t the auditor of public accounts. The sustained through his (Smith's) misman agement.

More Sympathy for Sime, Huguer PARIS, Dec. 1 .- Since the divorce law was inaugurated the private inquiry offices have become very obnoxious, hence the widespread sympathy for Mmc. Hugues. One of the most aristocratic clubs in the city at a full meeting vesterday put to vote the question whether or not Mme. Hugues should be sustained in her action, and the vote was unanimously for her acquittal. M. Clovis-Hugues for her acquittal. M. Clovis-Hugues still receives post cards, one of which imputes that he trades in his wife's beauty. It is believed that the other inquiry offices are continuing their prose-

A Press Club Election. NEW YORK, Dec. 1 .- At the annual election of the Press club to-night Amos J. Cummings, of the Sun, was elected president by a vote of 2,031 against 114 for Ashley W. Cole, of the Herald. John A. Green, of the Journal, was chosen first vice president, and W. H. Henry, publisher of the World, second vice president. Congressman-elect Truman A. Merriman, Sun, was chosen at the head of the

Chesapeake and Ohto Canal Election, ANNAPOLIS, MD., Dec. I .- The stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal met to-day and elected officers for the cusuing year. L. Victor Baughman, of Frederick, was elected president, with the following directors: Patrick Hamil, of Garrett county; James G. Borret, of Washington; John Hambird, Allegheny: Spencer Watkins, Montgomery; J. A. I. McClure and R. A. Dobbio, of Baltimore

One St. John Candidate Elected STAPLETON, S. I., Dec. 1.-Eugene B. Halle, of the town of Westfield, Richmond county, claims to be the only man elected In the state of New York on the St. John ticket. He ran for justice of sessions. The republican nomines was W. W. Corbett, who is not a justice of the peace, as the law requires. Halle received 19 votes. He is a justice of the peace, and claims the office for which he ran. His election is generally conceded. in the state of New York on the St. John

An Actress's Body Cremated. Laura G. Clancy, of Baltimore, was cremated this afternoon at the Laucaster erematerium. The young woman was formerly an actress and died Nov. 10 of

Diaz Inaugurated President. CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 1 .- via GAL-VESTON-Senor Diaz was quietly inaugurated as president of Mexico to-day.

The United States South Amer
commission arrived here yesterday. The Mahdi Willing to Negotiate.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Duc. 1.—It is ru-moved here that the Malidi is disposed to enter into negotiations with Gen. Lord Wolseley, meeting him, if pessible, near Khartoum Verdict Against Ecene on a "Put." NEW YORK, Dec. 1.-Lemusl B. Clark obtained a verdicts for \$6,146 in the su-

THE AWFUL PLAGUE A CORRESPONDENT VISITS THE INFECTED LOCALITIES IN KENTUCKY.

Early Symptoms of the Disease Which Gener rible Havages-The Number of Victims 1,000-Many Pitlable Cases Mentioned.

LOUISVILLE, K.v., Dec. 1 .- A staff correspondent of the Courier-Journal, who is in the mountains of eastern Kentucky investigating the plague in that section sont the following last night from Bar-boursville, Ky.: "I met Mr. C. F. Davidson, agent of the Cumberland River Lumber company, who has been over the infected district. He says that the disease, which is an aggravated and very fatal form of flux, began about six weeks ago in Letcher county, Joseph Day, brother of the county judge, being the first victim. He lived on Poor Fork, about fifteen miles from Whitesburg, and was taken ill when a short distance from home. He was first seized with griping pains, and in a few moments was parpains, and in a few moments was par-alyzed so completely that he had to be carried to his house. The griping was followed by a bloody and weakening diarrhea and in a few hours he was a dead man. The dis-ease spread with great rapidity, and it now extends over territory embracing about one-half of the northern portion about one-half of the northern portion of Wise county, Va.; the northerstern portion of Lee county, Va.; the eastern part of Letcher county, Ky.; the upper edge of Harlan county, the southwestern part of Pike county, and the southwestern portion of Leslie county. This embraces a strip about seventy miles wide by eighty miles long. The disease is most violent at the headwaters of Straight creek, Clover Fork, and other small streams which rise on the north side of the Pine mountains, and in Poor fork, in Harlan county, at the head of Powell's creek, and other streams rising in the about one-half of the northern portion creek, and other streams rising in the Cumberland mountains, in Wise county, Va., at the heads of those streams which rise in Knoz county and empty into the Big Sandy at the head of the north fork, Quebec, presented him with an address of wall and the activity of the archishop made a fitting reply. A procession then formed, and the archishop was easorted to the Basilica, whore a Te Deum was sung, after which his grace gave the papal benediction to the faithful assembled. The various Catholic church bells were rung at the time of the archishop's arrival. To county it is worse along Poor Fork. It prevails at the headwaters of almost every stream in the district named that empty into the Cumberland, Big Sandy, Ken tucky, Powell's, and Licking rivers. In-variably it is most widespread closest to the highest mountains.

the highest mountains,

How long does it generally take for
the disease to run its course, and what
are the exact symptoms?

About two days, and it generally proves fatal. In many instances those attacked died in a few hours. The symptoms are as related in the case of Joseph Day. The feeling of intense thirst satisfies me that mineral poisoning is the real cause of the epidemic. It is a well known fact

of the epidemic. It is a well known fact that the atreams along which the disease prevails find their beginning in the mountains among rocks containing al-kali, arsenites, and other poisonous min-erals. Until recently no rain had fallon for many weeks, and the streams had nearly dried up. The water remaining, and which these people were forced to use, was powerfully charged with these poisonous substances, and continued use, was powerfully charged with these poisonous substances, and continued use of it resulted in the opidemic. One peculiar feature of the diebase is that it is certainly contagious, for if it once enters a family it lets none escape, and I have been told of instances where those who have visited afflicted persons and who have not used the water have contracted the disease. Light rains fell in the inflicted region last week, but I do not think they were sufficient to I do not think they were sufficient to purify the water and check the disease. I can give no reliable estimate as to the number of victims of the plaque, but there probably were from 800 to 1,000. I base my conjectures solely upon the death average in the particular neighbor-hoods which I have visited."

"Yes; some very shocking. In Har-lan county seven people were buried one day last week. In the family of Judge Day, the death of whose brother I men tioned, there were five deaths, his wife and four little enes falling a proy to the awful plague. In the same locality the deaths have been very numerous. At the head of Clover Fork, in Harlan county, and just at the foot of Garrison's Gap, crossing in the Black mountains, lived a family by the name of Clark. The husband and father is now serving out a sentence at Frankfort for murder I believe. The wife and four children who are as poor as the poorest you car find in the mountains, eked out a livil hood as best they might from the arid land on which they had their abode. The disease attacked them and in a few days they were all dead. In Wise county, Va. I was told that those burying the dead were two days behind in their work and could not begin to gather up and coilln the victims as fast as they fell. I was told by a most reliable gentleman residing at Poor Fork, Harlan county, that twonty-five new graves had been filled in the cemetery. On the banks of the Poor fork in Latcher county, near the Harlan line, many other instances of the same nature were either instances of the same nature were either told me or came under my observation, but I cannot just now recall them. The people talk about the subject a great deal, but I did not see a person who appeared to be at all frightened. They are a sort of careless, casy-going class, never berrowing trouble, and take life just as it comes, good or bid."

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The correspondent further says: "I learned from other sources Saturday that the plague had also made its appearance in Knox county, and that a number of cases had occurred on Stinking creek. rom fifteen to twenty miles distant from Barboursville. Several cases were also reported on Goose crock. The disease does not seem to have the same virulence in these localities as in those first menioned, and the mortality is small. I will go with Mr. Davidsen to Pineville and Mount Pleasant, and in all probability will enter Letcher and Wise counties be-fore my return."

Miss Clara Barton, president of the American Association of the Red Cross, received a letter yesterday from Dr. Js. Hubbell, field agent of the association, who was recontly sent to investigate the mysterious epidemic, says "all informa-tion shows that the epidemic is quite ex-tensive and fatal. Deaths in one day in one neighborhood are reported at twelve in number, and the mortality is equally serious in other sections. All attribute the disease to poisonous water. Of this I shall make such chemical examination as opportunities permit, and shall send you samples for more careful analysis,"

The Plenary Council, BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 1 .- The plenary council was again in secret session to-day at the Seminary of St. Sulpice, and much work was accomplished. It is now thought the council may finish its work by Thurs-day next and certainly by Saturday. The principal work now is in formulating the which have been discussed and

agreed upon. Fifty Cents from St. Louis to Chicago. Sr. Louis, Dec. 1.-Passenger rates to Chicago were openly quoted at \$1 by all the lines this morning, but by noon the scalpers put the rate at 50 cents. It is said the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road will before nightfull place on sale perior court to-day against James R. road will before n Keene on a "put" made by the defendant. tickets at 50 cents.

NOT READ THE MESSAGE YET. The Condition of the Congressional Mind Not Decided, But Disposed to

Approve It. Although the correspondents of the outside newspapers sent out last night erally Provos Fatal-The Extent of its Ter- copious statements of the opinions of members of congress about the President's message, extended inquiry by REPUB. A Treaty for the Nicaragua Canal LICAN reporters failed to ascertain that they had formed any opinions. Senators and representatives seemed to have failed to thoroughly read the message, but many of them were proparing to do so, and no doubt by to-day they will have pondered and in wardly digested the document. That it was an able message all were prepared to say, but particular comments upon it they were very careful not to make. When the message was read in congress the

the message was read in congress the members could not of course hear it very distinctly, and the majority of them, re-alizing this from past experiences, did not attempt to pay much attention to the ele-cutionary efforts of the reading clerks. They know they could appreciate the message much better in print, and when they had dined most of them sought the papers to read what the President said. chey had dined most of them sought in the very act of purchasing a paper for the very act of purchasing a paper for the express purpose, as he declared, of giving the message what it deseved, a caroful reading. Another said he should read it just before he went to bed, as that was about the only time he had a few moments to himself, and he often postponed the reading of important matter until then. Another thought he should not be able to "reach the message" for two or three days as he had such a press of other matters on his hand, but he was going to "reach it" if it took a week, because he believed from what he had heard of it that it was full of valuable suggestions and recommendations, and well worth reading. And from one to another worth reading. And from one to another worth reading. And from one to another
this is the way it went, and so the REPUBLICAN reporters concluded that the congressional mind was hardly in a condition for just and intelligent expressions upon the subject.

THE REDISTRIBUTION BILL. Mr. Gladstone Presents It to the House of Commons-It Is Generally

Approved by Liberal Members. LONDON, Dec. 1 .- In the house of sommons to-day Mr. Gladstone presented the redistribution bill. It provides that all towns of less than 15,000 inhabitants and the small boroughs shall be merged into counties. That all towns of 50,000 inhabitants shall be entitled to one member. England will possess 6 additional mem-bers; the memberships of Wales and Ire-land are unchanged; Scotland will have 12 additional members, and the cities of London will have 37; Liverpool, 6; Glas-gow, 4; Birmingham, 4; Manchester, 3; Yorkshire, 16, and Lancashire 15 addi-

ional members. The second reading will take place on Thursday when it will be referred to a committee to report thereupon after the Christmas holidays. The liberal members of parliament generally approve the redistribution

Mr. Leonard A. Courtney, advanced liberal from Liekeard, has offered to Mr. Gladstone his resignation as a secretary Gladstone his resignation as a secretary to the treasury in consequence of the omission from the redistribution bill of the principle of minority representation. Mr. Courtney, with Henry Labouchore, of Northampton; Sir John Labbock, of London university; Jos. Cowen, of New-castle-on-Tyne, and other radicals have formed an opposition which is strong in talent, but is weak numerically.

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The Irish party is satisfied that there has been no reduction in its membership, but its members are afraid that the pro-vision of the bill abolishing foreign rep-resentation under a population of 15,000 will result in unscating one-half the Par-nellites. Mr. Parnell feels confident that the result of the new grouping will strengthen his following, but before giv-ing the bill his support he will hold a conference with the members of his

"I presume there were many pitiable cases?"

Party.

The tories give the bill a cool adhesion. out will light its details in the committee

> Brighton Beach Races. NEW YORK, Dec. 1 .- The usual purses vere offered at Brighton Beach to-day. First race-For beaten horses, selling allowances, three-quarters of a mile. Medoc won, Typhoon second. Time 1:20. Second race—Selling allowances, three-quarters of a mile. Mollie B won, Red-

for second. Time, 1:21).

Third race—Selling allowances, mile and a half. Tilford wen, Leroy second. Fourth race-Seven furlongs. Pericles won, Richard L second. Time, 1:33 Fifth race—Non-winners since No allowed ten pounds, one mile. Sing won, Haledon second. Time, 1:49. Singerly

All Quiet in Hocking Valley. Columnus, Onto, Dec. 1. - Everything is reported quiet among the striking minors of the Hocking valley to-night About thirty old miners went to work at Nelsonville to-day against strong protests from the strikers, who hold a meeting and prepared a notice in reply to thu resolutions adopted by the citizens of No. sonville on Saturday. The instinction is that the strikers give The import of the two days within which to withdraw their statement that they would support and sympathize with all who wished to go to work at the reduced rate, and that if the citizens refuse to withdraw their support they will be boycotted.

Mr. Lowell on Scotch Character. LONDON, Dec. I .- James Russell Lowell, United States minister, was present today at the festival of the Scottish corporation. In an address Mr. Lowell claimed kindred with the Scotch through his paternal ancestors, who, he stated, settled in the Orkneys before going to America. He referred to the influence that Scott's novels had in America, the striking individuality of the Scotch character, and the singular power which Scotch history had to soize upon the imagination. Mr. Lowell's speech was a short one, but his reception was most enthusiastic.

Jeannette Relies Exhibited.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. L-At the meeting to-day of the Geographical society there were exhibited several papers and documents, with Lieut. De Long's signature attached to them, which, with other relies of the ill-fated Jeannette, were found in Greenland in July, 1884. Several wraps, buttons, and clothes were exhibited which were also found at the same place. The president of the society explained that the report that a corpse had also been discovered was unfounded.

One Editor Shoots Another, ROLLA, Mo., Dec. 1.-Information has reached this place from Vienna, Maries county, that a street encounter took place there on Saturday evening between Thos. M. Watkins, editor of the Maries Weekly Herald, and John H. Diggs, editor of the Maries County Courier, in which the former was shot twice and killed by the latter. The affair grow out of a personal controversy, through their respective papers. Diggs surrendered and was lodged in jail.

The Weather To-day. Generally fuir vestiler, northerly winds, becom-ing scriable, nearly stationary temperature. Yearcrany's thermometer: 7 a. m., 25.5°; 11 a. m., 35.5° 5 p. m., 35.5°; 7 p. m., 35.9°; 11 p. m., 81.6°; maximum, 35.8°; minimum, 29.6°.

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Necessity for Definite Regulations for Counting the Electoral Vota.

Successfully Negotiated.

Relief From the Pending Business Depression to be Found in Extending Our Foreign Trade.

How to Avert the Threatened Contraction of the Currency-Silver Coinage-The Demand for Coast Defenses-The Needs of the Navy-Relief for the Pacific Raliroads-Our Flag In Foreign Ports-The Spanish West Indies Treaty-Revision of the Naturalization Laws-Embarrassments of the Diplomatic Service-International Exhibitions-The Rescuers on Greely Complimented.

The following is the President's message in full:

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES: Since the close of your last ses-sion the American people, in the exercise of their highest right of suffrage, have chosen their chief magistrate for the four

years ensuing.
When it is remembered that at no period in the country's history has the long political contest which customarily precedes the day of the national election been waged with greater ferver and in-tensity, it is a subject of general congratu-lation that after the controversy at the polls was over, and while the slight pro-ponderance by which the issue had been determined was as yet unascertained, the public peace suffered no disturbance, but the people everywhere patiently and quietly awaited the result.

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Nothing could more strikingly illustrate the temper of the American citizen, his love of order, and his loyalty to lawnothing could more signally demonstrate the strength and wisdom of our political

institutions.

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Eight years have passed since a controversy concerning the result of a national election sharply called the attention of congress to the necessity of providing more precise and definite regulations for counting the electoral voto.

It is of the gravest importance that this question be solved before conflicting ciaims to the presidency shall again distract the country, and I am persuaded that, by the people at large, any of the measures of relief thus far proposed would be preferred to continued inaction. be preferred to continued inaction.

Relations With Foreign Nations. Our relations with all forregn powers continue to be amicable.

TREATIES WITH BELGIUM BULARGED. With Belgium a convention has been signed whereby the scope of present treaties has been so enlarged as to secure to citizens of either country within the jurisdiction of the other equal rights and privileges in the acquisition and aliena-tion of property. A trade-marks treaty has also been concluded.

CHILI AND PERU. The war between Chili and Pern is at an end. For the arbitration of the claims of American citizens who during its continuance suffered through the acts of the Chilian authorities a convention will soon

be negotiated.
FRANCE AND CRINA. The state of hostilities between France and China continues to be an embarrassing feature of our eastern relations. The Chinese government has promptly adjusted and paid the claims of American citizens whose property was destroyed in the recent riots at Canton. I ronew the recommendation of my last annual message that the Canton indemnity fund

be returned to China. THE CHINESE QUESTION. The true interpretation of the recent treaty with that country, permitting the restriction of Chinese immigration, is likely to be again the subject of your deliberations. It may be seriously questioned the se liberations. It may be seriously queslast session does not violate the treaty rights of certain Chinese who left this country with return certificates valid under the old law and who now seem to be debarred from relanding for lack of

the certificates required by the new. OUR PLAG IN FOREIGN PARTS. The recent purchase by citizens of the United States of a large trading fleet heretofore under the Chinese flag has considerably enhanced our commercial large number of vessels built or pur-chased by American citizens in other countries and exclusively employed in legitimate traffic between foreign ports under the recognized protection of our flag, it might be well to provide a uni-form rule for their registration and decu-mentation, so that the bona fide property

rights of our citizens therein shall be duly evidenced and properly guarded. THE CONGO. Pursuant to the advice of the senate at the last session, I recognized the flag of the International association of the Congo as that of a friendly government, avoiding in so doing any prejudgment of con-flicting territorial claims in that region. Subsequently, in execution of the ex-pressed wish of the congress, I appointed

The importance of the rich prespective trade of the Congo valley has led to the general conviction that it should be open to all nations upon equal terms. At an international conference for the considerations of the consideration of the con cration of this subject called by the em-peror of Germany, and now in session at Borlin, delegates are in attendance on be-half of the United States. Of the results of the conference you will be duly ad-

LEGATION PREMI'ES IN FOREIGN COUN-THIES.

The government of Corea has gener-ously aided the efforts of the United States minister to secure suitable prem-ises for the use of the legation. As the conditions of diplomatic intercourse with eastern nations demand that the legation premises be owned by the represented power, I advise that an appropriation be power, I salvian that an appropriation be made for the acquisition of this property by the government. The United States aiready possesses valuable premises at Tangier as a gift from the sultan of Morocco. As is stated hereafter, they have lately received a similar gift from the Siamese government. The government of Japan stands ready to present to us extensive grounds at Tokio whereon to erect a suitable building for the logation, courthouse, and jail; and similar privileges can house, and jail; and similar privileges can probably be secured in Chin and Persia.

The owning of such premises would not only effect a large saving of the present rental, but would permit due assertion of extraterritorial rights in these countries. and would better serve to maintain the dignity of the United States.

RELATIONS WITH THE KUEDIVE. The failure of congress to make appropriation for our representation at the autonomous court of the khedive has proved a serious embarrassment in our intercourse with Egypt; and in view of the necessary intimacy of diplomatic re-lationship due to the participation of this lationship due to the participation of this government, as one of the treaty powers, in all matters of administration there affecting the rights of foreigners. I advise the restoration of the agency and consultate-general at Cairo on its former basis. I do not conceive it to be the wish of congress that the United States should withdraw altogether from the honorable position they have hitherto held with respect

ASSESSMENT AND ADDRESS OF THE ACCRET